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THE CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN NEWSLETTER

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## Restoration Projects Around the City

Spring announces itself in many ways, birds returning, flowers budding and, of course, construction projects.

For many people it is reassuring to see this work being done around the city, knowing sidewalks are being repaired and that water lines are in good shape. These projects indicate investment in our community and enhance public safety.

Since late April, the Public Works Department has been working on a series of restoration projects that accumulated over the winter. These projects include repairs to water service lines, sewer mains, sidewalks and turf damage. There are approximately 200 projects slated for repair over the next two months, with a goal of completing the last one by early June.

Since last year's restoration efforts, staff has been reduced, allowing for only one concrete crew and one asphalt crew in completing these repairs rather than two of each. This means that each crew will

have double the project loads.

Crews will target sidewalks and curbs along with asphalt and top soil work. Residents can expect crews to be working on four to eight projects at any given time.

Concrete and asphalt projects involve a series of steps that take days to complete. Once the concrete has been poured, cars will have to remain off the surface for five days. Asphalt only requires one day before it can be driven on.

Water service line repairs and sewer mains will also receive attention at this time. Residents of Wyoming receive a

savings benefit equivalent to thousands of dollars because of the City's commitment to maintaining typical residential single family or duplex water services (less than 100 ft in length) all the way to the water meter inside the home.

To ensure that your address or sidewalk is on the list, to report a hazardous space or for general questions or concerns about the above mentioned projects, residents are encouraged to call or email the Public Works Department.

## Oriole Park Celebration

On Thursday, May 26, Oriole Park will officially reopen with a special rededication ceremony from 1–3 p.m.

There will be several activity stations set up throughout the park to help kids explore the renovations. Macatawa Bank's Mac Snack Wagon will be on hand at the park during the afternoon as well.

Thirteen acres of the park underwent renovation last summer. The redevelopment of the park includes new playground equipment, the addition of a splash pad, shelter, walking trail, tennis courts, basketball court, restrooms, improved parking and improved security features.

The renovations align the park with current American's with Disabilities Act requirements and National Playground Safety Institute Standards. Basic maintenance work was also completed to improve the condition of the park.

The project cost approximately \$741,432. The renovation was made possible by grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the WK Kellogg Foundation's Access to Restoration initiative and complimented by matching funds from the dedicated Parks & Recreation Operational millage.



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## Message



Great things are happening in Wyoming!

This month brings to completion two great projects in our city. First, we will be celebrating the completion of our Water Treatment Plant, which is located in Holland. We have increased our capacity to treat up to 120 million gallons of water each day. This \$85 million project, started in 2007, will provide for our water needs for years to come.

Our second project is the dedication of Oriole Park. This 13 acre park, complete with basketball and tennis courts, splash pad, walking trail and playground equipment, is poised to be a popular stop for many families this summer. A majority of these park improvements have been paid for with grants that our city staff actively worked to secure for our city.

Enjoy your city, Be involved and Be Informed,  
Mayor Jack Poll

**LIBRARY NEWS** ADULT BOOK CLUB - May's book will be Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. KID AND TEEN CRAFT SALE – Find amazing pieces of art and wonderful crafts at the Kid and Teen Craft Sale. Kids and Teens: if you are interested in having a booth at the sale, stop by the library for an application. Registration is required. May 24, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS/EL DÍA DE LOS LIBROS! Celebrate the Day of the Child/Day of the Book with traditional Mexican crafts, music, and activities, April 29, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**PARKS & RECREATION** The Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department's Teen Council will participate in Relay for Life. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life® will be held at Lamar Park in Wyoming on May 13th & 14th. This inspiring overnight event unites the entire community in celebrating those who have had cancer, remembering loved ones lost and providing an opportunity to fight back against the disease.

**PALMER PARK DISCOVERY** - Mark your calendars for a fun and educational discovery program sponsored by the Kent MSU Extension Master Naturalist program and Kent County Parks. This free event will be held at Palmer Park on Sat., May 21 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. For more information visit, [www.stuckongardening.com](http://www.stuckongardening.com).

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION** - A ceremony will be held on May 30 starting at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Gardens.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Our annual Public Works Open House will be held on Mon., May 16, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Stop in for a hotdog and pop and the opportunity to see several demonstrations and our equipment up close!

## Taking Care of Wyoming

The beauty of our neighborhoods is one of Wyoming's most precious assets. We can all ensure the quality of our environment.

What can you do? Make sure you are in compliance with Wyoming Ordinances.

- Keep weeds and grass at a height of less than 12 inches
- No outside storage is permitted in residential areas
- Outside storage of recreational vehicles such as boats, travel trailers and motor homes must be contained in back or side yards adhering to certain conditions
- Maintain your home or business according to code regulations including painting, repair of roofs, cracked or broken glass, damaged gutters and other maintenance items
- All building extensions and attachments such as fences, porches, gutters and shutters must be maintained and present an even, straight, structurally sound appearance
- Commercial vehicle parking is not permitted in residential areas

## Outdoor Fireplace Regulations

If you are looking forward to entertaining this summer and are thinking about purchasing an outdoor fireplace for chillier nights, be sure to familiarize yourself with the following City regulations.

An "outdoor fireplace" shall be a manufactured device that is fully enclosed with a lid. A noncombustible barrier at least 18 inches in width shall surround the outdoor fireplace. This provision shall also be required under a portable unit. Outdoor fireplaces shall not be placed closer than 20 feet to any combustible material and not closer than 20 feet to adjoining lot lines. Outdoor fireplaces shall be used only for burning of clean wood or other solid fuel and shall not be used for the burning of garbage or yard waste including, but not limited to, grass clippings, brush, leaves and paper. Fire Rings are prohibited. Call the Fire Administration Office at 530-7250 or check out the Fire Department page of the City website, <http://wyomingmi.gov/Fire/fire.asp>.

## Telephone Numbers

Mayor's Office .....	530-7227
City Manager.....	530-3173
City Clerk .....	530-7296
Police Department.....	530-7300
Fire Department .....	530-7250
Public Works .....	530-7260
Utilities .....	261-3550
Planning & Community Development.....	530-7258
Parks & Recreation.....	530-3164
Building Inspections.....	530-7285
Assessor .....	530-7231
District Court.....	257-9814
Treasurer .....	530-7280
Utility Billing .....	530-7389
Wyoming Senior Center.....	530-3190
Wyoming Public Library.....	647-3980

## Meetings

**City Council Meeting** | on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

**City Council Work Sessions** | on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

**Planning Commissions Meetings** | on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

**Zoning Board Of Appeals** | on the first and third Monday afternoons of the month at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

**Parks & Recreation Commission** | on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the West Conf. room.

## Wyoming City Council

Jack Poll, Mayor

Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro tem,  
Councilmember-at-Large

Dan Burrill, Councilmember-at-Large

Kent Vanderwood, Councilmember-at-Large

Bill VerHulst, 1st Ward Councilmember

Richard K. Pastoor, 2nd Ward Councilmember

Joanne Voorhees, 3rd Ward Councilmember